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**Joan Lloyd Cooper**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1961  
Education: Kentucky 1982 BA; Brandeis 1985 JD  
Began Service: December 22, 1999  
Term Expires: December 22, 2013

**Legal Practice:** Lloyd & McDaniel (1985-1988); Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs (1988-1999)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; District of Columbia Bar Association; Kentucky Bar Association; Louisville Bar Association

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**David T. Stosberg**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Bellarmine 1968 BA; Kentucky 1973 JD  
Began Service: June 30, 1989

**Legal Practice:** Dougherty & Haunz; Partner, Morgan & Pottinger (1974-1985); Partner, Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs (1985-1989)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1968)

**Current Memberships:** Louisville Bar Association; American Bankruptcy Institute

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**Thomas H. Fulton**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: December 10, 1946  
Education: Mississippi State 1967 BA; Columbia 1974 MA, 1976 MPhil;  
Tulane 1980 JD  
Began Service: December 6, 2002  
Term Expires: December 2016

**Staff**

Staff Attorney **James W. Lee** ..... (502) 627-5550  
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**Areas Covered:** Parishes of Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne and Washington

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**Ginger Berrigan**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Wisconsin 1969 BA;  
American U 1971 MA; LSU 1977 JD  
Began Service: March 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Law Clerk, Department of Corrections, State of Louisiana; Volunteer & Staff Researcher, U.S. Senator Harold E. Hughes, United States Senate (1971-1972); Volunteer & Legislative Aide, U.S. Senator Joseph E. Biden, United States Senate (1972-1973); Assistant, Mayor Charles Evers (D-MP), Office of the Mayor, City of Fayette, Mississippi (1973-1974); Staff Attorney, Governor's Pardon, Parole and Rehabilitation Commission, Office of the Governor, State of Louisiana (1977-1978); Member, Louisiana Sentencing Commission, State of Louisiana (1987-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Member & Partner, Gravel Brady & Berrigan (1978-1984); Of Counsel, Berrigan, Litchfield, Schonekas, Mann & Clement (1984-1994)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association of New Orleans; Louisiana State Bar Association; New Orleans Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Martin L. C. Feldman**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: Tulane 1955 BA, 1957 JD  
Began Service: 1983  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John Minor Wisdom, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1957-1959)

**Judicial:** Member, Judicial Conference of the United States (2001-2004)

**Legal Practice:** Bronfin, Heller, Feldman, Steinberg & Berins (1959-1983)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1957-1963)

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**Sarah S. Vance**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: LSU 1971 BA; Tulane 1978 JD  
Began Service: October 3, 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Stone, Pigman, Walther, Wittman & Hutchinson (1978-1982); Partner, Stone, Pigman, Walther, Wittmann & Hutchinson (1983-1985); Sarah S. Vance Law Corporation (1986-1994)

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**G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: LSU 1968 BA, 1971 JD  
Began Service: October 28, 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Special Counsel, Criminal Division, Department of Justice (1971-1973); Assistant District Attorney, Felony Complaint Division, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana (1973-1974); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana (1976-1984); City Attorney, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana (1982-1984)

**Judicial:** Judge, Louisiana District Court, 24th Judicial District, Division A, Jefferson Parish (1984-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1973-1984)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges Association; Jefferson Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

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